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Memorandum

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NHTSA-03-15470-7

Subject: Request to Place Document in the Docket
Regarding Import Eligibility Decision
on 2003 Mitsubishi Evolution VIII

Date: **August 21, 2003**

From: Coleman Sachs
Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance

Reply to
Attn of:

To: Docket Management

Please place the attached document discussing the extension of the comment period on the petition for NHTSA to decide that nonconforming 2003 Mitsubishi Evolution VIII Left hand drive passenger cars are eligible for importation in Docket No. NHTSA-2003-15470.

Attachment

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August 11,2003

VIA FACSIMILE

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Re: Docket No NHTSA -2003 -15470-1 , Comments by Mayer, Brown , Rowe , & Maw LLP counsel for Mitsubishi.

The above stated petition was originally to close July 30, 2003. On July 29, 2003 Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc("Mitsubishi") , requested more time for comments. The NHTSA granted Mitsubishi's request, however, Mitsubishi's counsel was unable to submit comments within the extended time allotted, comments were submitted *late* , one day after the end of the extension period , August 7 ,2003.

While it is stated that "All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated above will be considered ,..." . And also, "To the extent possible , comments filed after the closing date will also be considered."

Comments made after the closing date should not be considered. Why else would there be a specific allotted time for comments, an extension requested, granted, and then failure to meet this extended comment period?

Registered Importers are in the business of importing and legalizing non-complying vehicles. As a reputable business a realistic time frame of work to be performed must be provided to customers. Delays can negatively affect our business, and our ability to do business.

While we have the same goals of having a vehicle that meets all Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, we are in the business of providing a service to customers. Delays degrade our high level of service to our customers.

NHTSA was already reasonable in allowing Mitsubishi an *extra week* to make comments on the above petition. However they seemed unable to meet this deadline and instead submitted their comments late on August 7, 2003.

It has been more than 6 months since the original petitions were submitted to the NHTSA, and we respectfully ask that the NHTSA proceed with approving this petition with a minimal amount of further delays. These delays do nothing more than hurt our business and our customer service.

Sincerely,



Sean Morris